Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Course	No. of seats to be filled by		
		Admission test/ Interview	Nomination	Total
1	Associateship of National Sugar Institute in Sugar Technology	55	12	67
2	Associateship of National Sugar Institute in Sugar Engineering	22	6	28
3	Diploma Course in Industrial Fermentation and Alcohol Technology	17	4	21
4	Certificate Course in Sugar Engineering	15	4	19
5	Certificate Course in Sugar Boiling	50	10	60
6	Pre-harvest Cane Maturity Survey	10	2	12

Privatisation of IISCO

*235. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been negotiating with various trade unions for enforcing its proposal to handover the Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited to some private parties; and

(b) if so, the details of terms and conditions entered into by Government with trade unions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Government have not negotiated with the trade unions on the proposal to seek private participation in Indion Iron and Steel Company (IISCO). However, as part of a process of consultation on the proposal to enlist private participation, Government have been consulting leaders of the National Trade Unions, IISCO workers' union and also the officers' Association. It has been explained that Government, while seeking to enlist private participation in IISCO, have committed themselves to protect the interests of the employees. There will be no retrenchment. The management will be free to rationalise the manpower and retrain and redeploy them but based on the goodwill of the workforce. The terms and conditions of the continued employment of the employees will not be inferior to those they are currently entitled to.

Improvement in the functioning of farm Universities

*236. DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the existing farm universities in the country imparting agricultural education;

(b) what percentage of the annual expenditure of these universities is met by the Central Government;

(c) when and by which authority committee, the evalution of their performance, was done last;

(d) what are the salient features of the findings of the evaluation committee;

(e) whether Government are aware that the performance of farm universities in the country continue to be unsatisfactory and the standard of education has been falling; and